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For: *METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTION OF APO A, APO B AND THE RATIO THEREOF IN SALIVA*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Request for Approval of Drawing Changes

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(3), applicants respectfully request approval for changes to the drawings indicated in red on the attached photocopies of Figures 2, 2A, and 2B.

The labeling for Figures 2, 2A, and 2B has been changed to label the figures successively as Figures 2A, 2B, and 2C.

Preliminary Amendment

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 7, line 18, after "2", please insert --A-- in place thereof.

On page 7, line 21, please delete "2a", and insert --2B-- in place thereof.

On page 7, line 22, please delete "2b", and insert --2C-- in place thereof.